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SUBJ: LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF CONTRACTORS

1. POSSIBILITY FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF DEFENSE CONTRACTORS
BY USG WAS TERMINATED IN IRAN IN 1971. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALLY
NOTIFIED EMBASSY IN EARLY PART OF THAT YEAR THAT GOI
COULD NOT AGREE TO CONTINUATION OF DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES
FOR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

2. IT WAS AGREED WITH MFA THAT PRIVILEGES SHOULD NOT
BE INCLUDED IN NEW FMS CONTRACTS. REASON FOR THIS WAS
GOI DECISION THAT IT MUST TREAT ALL FOREIGN CONTRACTORS
EVEN-HANDED. GOI NOT PREPARED TO GO TO MAJLES WITH
PROPOSED TREATY AMENDMENT FAVORING US FIRMS.

3. ASPR AND DOD REGULATIONS PERMIT AN OVERSEAS
COMMANDER, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO EXTEND
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LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL. IN
ANY SUCH INSTANCE, HOWEVER, ADVANCE APPROVAL MUST
BE OBTAINED FROM THE RELEVANT COMMANDER.

4. IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT AT LEAST SOME
FMS CONTRACTS FOR IRAN, IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS ASKED,
HAVE INCLUDED PROVISION FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, IF

AVAILABLE. CONTRACT WRITERS DOING THAT HAVE PROBABLY BEEN RUSHED, AND HAVE ASSUMED THAT SUCH A PROVISION DOES NOT AMOUNT TO A FIRM COMMITMENT SINCE THE CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL IN QUESTION CAN ALWAYS BE TOLD THAT NO SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, IN SUCH INSTANCES, CONTRACTOR ASPIRATIONS HAVE CLEARLY BEEN CREATED, AND THE US GOVERNMENT HAS HAD NEEDLESS PROBLEMS (INCLUDING CONTRACTOR IRRITATION) CREATED FOR IT.

5. SINCE OUR UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT WITH THE GOI HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE 1971, WE ARE AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHY CONTRACT WRITERS HAVE NOT FROM THE OUTSET MADE CLEAR IN EVERY INSTANCE RELATED TO IRAN THAT NO LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE. WHERE A CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE IS A RETIRED MILITARY PERSON A DIFFERENT SITUATION, OF COURSE, PERTAINS. THE LIMITED SUPPORT THAT THE MISSION IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE RETIREES IS A FUNCTION OF THAT STATUS, AND IS TOTALLY UNRELATED TO ANY CONNECTION THE INDIVIDUAL MAY HAVE WITH AN FMS CONTRACT.

6. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE STATE AND DEFENSE CORRECTING THE SITUATION ON THE WASHINGTON END SO THAT THE MISSION NO LONGER FINDS ITSELF IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO DASH HOPES ENTIRELY WITHOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BASIS AND FALSELY CREATED IN THE MINDS OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT -- NO SUCH POSSIBILITY EXISTS.
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